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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Alissa L. Hoey

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/02)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06/12/08 has been entered.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: should "te" be "the"? Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Campbell (US 4,601,066).

Campbell teaches the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A pair of protective pants having an upper portion which when worn covers a wearers torso, between the wearer's waist and the wearers legs, the pair of protective pants having two leg portions, each of which

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when worn covers one of the wearers legs (figures 1, 2, 5 and 6), wherein each leg portion has an upper region which extends downwardly from the upper portion (48a, 48b), and a lower region (28, 29) which extends upwardly from a lower end of said leg portion toward the upper region and which terminates not higher than where said leg portion when worn covers the wearers knee (figures 1, 2, 5 and 6), wherein the lower region has a layer of puncture-resistant material (binding, reinforced edges of 28, 29), which is made from a cloth fabric, extends upwardly from the lower end of said leg portion (figures 1, 2, 5 and 6), and surrounds the lower end of said leg portion and which is resistant to puncture by snakes or by thorny or spiky plants, wherein the upper region of each leg portion (48a, 48b) has an outer layer of abrasion-resistant material that is less resistant to punctures than the layer of puncture-resistant material (reinforced edges and binding of portions 28, 29).

2. (Previously Amended) The pair of protective pants of claim 1 wherein the upper portion also has the outer layer of abrasion-resistant material (48a, 48b).

5. (New) A pair of protective pants having an upper portion which when worn covers a wearer's torso between the wearer's waist and the wearer's legs, the pair of protective pants having two leg portions (48a, 48b), each of which when worn covers one of the wearer's legs (figures 5 and 6), each of the leg portions having an upper region which extends downwardly from the upper portion (48a, 48b), and a lower region (28, 29) which extends upwardly from a lower end of the leg portion toward the upper region and which terminates not

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higher than where the leg portion covers the wearer's knee when worn (figures 1, 2, 5 and 6), each of the upper and lower regions having an outer layer, and wherein the outer layers of the lower regions have a greater resistance to punctures than the outer layers of the upper regions (see binding, reinforced edges of the portions 28 and 29).

6. (New) The pair of protective pants of claim 5 wherein the upper portion and the upper regions of the leg portions have an outer layer of abrasion-resistant material (48a, 48b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campbell in view of Eastbay Lined Windpants (see catalog page 19).

Campbell teaches a sports garment with greater puncture-resistant lower leg portions than upper leg portions. However, Campbell fails to teach the pants having one or more inner layers.

In regard to claims 3 and 7, Eastbay teaches a sports pant wherein the upper portion and the leg portions, from the upper portion to the lower ends of

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the leg portions, have one or more inner layers (see description and picture of Eastbay Lined Windpants: page 19).

In regard to claims 4 and 8, Campbell teaches the upper portion and the upper regions of the leg portions have an outer layer of abrasion-resistant material (48a, 48b).

Eastbay teaches wherein the upper portion and the leg portions, from the upper portion to the lower ends of the leg portions, have one or more inner layers, and wherein only the lower region of each leg portion has the layer of puncture-resistant material (see description and picture of Eastbay Lined Windpants: page 19).

It would have been obvious to have provided the sports pants of Campbell with the reinforced lower leg portions with the lined sports pant of Eastbay, since the sports pants of Campbell provided with a lining would provide for a pants garment that keeps the wearer warmer and provides for a more comfortable material against the user's skin.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alissa L. Hoey whose telephone number is (571) 272-4985. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30)Second Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Welch can be reached on (571) 272-4996. The fax

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phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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